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a plurality of lamp holders connected electrically to said ballast;

wherein said retrofit fixture fits within a reflector chamber of an existing light fixture and is retained therein; and

wherein said plurality of lamp holders are in staggered offsetting relationship.

8. (Once Amended) A retrofit light fixture in combination with an existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture in an inverted T-bar grid ceiling, comprising:

an existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture reflector defining a reflector chamber;

a retrofit reflector fitting within said existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture reflector chamber;

wherein said retrofit reflector has:

an elongated, concave, low profile shape;

a first end;

a second end opposed to said first end;

a first side and a second side extending between said first end and said second end;

a first hanger tab extending longitudinally from said first end;

a second hanger tab extending longitudinally from said second end; and

a plurality of paired lamp holders electrically connected to a ballast.

11. (Once Amended) The retrofit light fixture of claim 8,

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wherein said existing fluorescent strip fixture reflector further has a first flange and a second flange located along its longitudinal edges;

wherein said retrofit light fixture further has a first flange extending laterally from said first side and a second flange extending laterally from said second side;

wherein said retrofit light fixture first flange is positioned between said existing fluorescent light fixture first flange and a first inverted T-bar grid member of said ceiling; and

wherein said retrofit light fixture second flange is positioned between said existing fluorescent light fixture second flange and a second inverted T-bar grid member of said ceiling.

18. (Once Amended) A retrofit fixture for installation into an existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture in an inverted T-bar grid ceiling, said retrofit fixture comprising:

- a reflector sized to fit within said existing fixture and within a grid opening in said ceiling, said reflector having a first longitudinal edge, a second longitudinal edge, and a plurality of lamp holders;

- a plurality of lamps held by said lamp holders, each said lamp having a length less than the length of said ceiling grid opening;

- a first flange extending from said first longitudinal edge;

- a hanger tab extending from each end of said first flange;

- a second flange extending from said second longitudinal edge;

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wherein said lamp holders hold said lamps in a staggered arrangement.

21. (Once Amended) A retrofit fixture for installation into an existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture in an inverted T-bar grid ceiling having an opening having a predetermined length and width, said retrofit fixture comprising:

- a reflector having a length less than said predetermined length, said reflector having a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge;

- a first flange extending from said first longitudinal edge;

- a hanger tab extending from each end of said first flange such that the length of said flange and said hanger tabs is greater than said ceiling opening predetermined length;

- a second flange extending from said second longitudinal edge; and

- a plurality of lamp holders attached to said reflector arranged to support at least one lamp.

22. (Once Amended) The retrofit fixture of claim 21 wherein said plurality of lamp holders are in a staggered arrangement to support at least two lamps having a combined length greater said predetermined length.

23. (Once Amended) The retrofit fixture of claim 21, said first flange and said second flange being supported by a first T-bar member and a second T-bar member, respectively, of said grid ceiling, said T-bar members being located along the respective sides of said ceiling opening to support said retrofit fixture within said existing fixture.

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24. (Once Amended) The retrofit fixture of claim 23 wherein said reflector is flexible about its longitudinal axis, whereby the width of said reflector with said first and second flanges may be reduced to an amount less than said predetermined width of said ceiling opening.

25. (Once Amended) A method of retrofitting an existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture installed above an opening in an inverted T-bar grid ceiling, said existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture having a reflector, fluorescent lamps, a ballast and power supply leads connected to said ballast, said existing fixture reflector having a ballast cover for accessing said ballast, said method of retrofitting comprising the steps of:

- a. removing said fluorescent lamps and said ballast cover from said existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture, and disconnecting said power supply leads from said ballast;
- b. partially inserting a retrofit fixture diagonally through said ceiling opening in said grid ceiling, said retrofit fixture comprising:

a reflector sized to fit within an opening in said grid ceiling and within said existing fixture, said reflector having a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge, said reflector being flexible about its longitudinal axis;

a first flange extending from said first longitudinal edge;

a hanger tab extending from each end of said first flange;

a second flange extending from said second longitudinal edge; and

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- a retrofit ballast attached to said reflector;
- c. hanging said retrofit fixture from said T-bar members of said grid ceiling by said hanger tabs;
 - d. attaching said power supply leads from said existing fixture to said retrofit ballast;
 - e. swinging said retrofit fixture into place within said existing recessed fluorescent strip fixture by slightly flexing said retrofit fixture reflector such that the width of the retrofit fixture reflector combined with said first and second flanges may be reduced to an amount less than the width of said ceiling opening;
 - f. allowing said reflector to return to its original width such that said retrofit fixture is supported by said T-bar ceiling grid members along said first and second flanges.

Please add new claims 27-30 as follows:

27. (New) An assembly for retrofitting a recessed fluorescent strip fixture where said recessed fluorescent strip fixture is recessed in an inverted T-bar grid ceiling, said assembly comprising:

- an elongated concave reflector having a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge;
- a first flange extending laterally outward from said first longitudinal edge, said first flange having a first end and an opposed second end;
- a first hanger tab extending longitudinally outward from said first end of said first flange; and

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a second hanger tab extending longitudinally outward from
said second end of said first flange.

28. (New) The assembly of claim 27 further comprising a plurality of lamp holders attached to said elongated concave reflector, wherein said plurality of lamp holders are in a staggered arrangement.

29. (New) The assembly of claim 28 further comprising a second flange extending laterally outward from said second longitudinal edge of said reflector.

30. (New) The assembly of claim 29 wherein said reflector is fabricated of a resilient material such that said reflector is flexible about its longitudinal axis.